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IN VIEW FACT ALL NATO MEMBERS ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES BY RESOLUTION OF OCTOBER 22, 1954, WITH TRIPARTITE DECLARATION OF OCTOBER 3, 1954, RE BERLIN, AND HAVE REPEATED THAT ASSOCIATION MANY TIMES IN VARIOUS NATO COMMUNIQUE ON BERLIN, CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THEY BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH PROPOSED NEW TRIPARTITE DECLARATION, TO DO OTHERWISE MIGHT BE READ BY OTHERS AS DIVISION WITHIN ALLIANCE AND MIGHT MAKE SOMEWHAT MORE DIFFICULT OUR TASK OF DEVELOPING NATO COHESION AND BUILD-UP AT THIS POINT. WE RECOGNIZE TIME PRESSURES ON GETTING OUT STRONG WARNING FROM THREE FAST WOULD PRECLUDE FULL CONSULTATION ON FINAL TEXT, BUT WE WOULD THAT FULL NAC BE ADVISED OF GENERAL LINE OF PROPOSED DECLARATION AND BE TOLD THEY WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THEREON IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. WITHOUT SUCH ADVANCE INFORMATION, REACTIONS IN VARIOUS NATO CAPITALS MAY NOT BE UNIFORM TO DECLARATION WHICH COMES TO THEM AS A SURPRISE.

DECISION TO REINFORCE BERLIN GARRISON BY ONE BATTLE GROUP SHOULD BE NOTIFIED TO NAC IN ADVANCE OF MOVEMENT OR PUBLICITY THEREON, TOGETHER WITH REASONS THEREFOR. WE ASSUME BATTLE

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GROUP BEING ADDED TO BERLIN GARRISON FOR POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS PRIMARILY CONNECTED WITH CONFIDENCE OF WEST BERLINERS AND WEST GERMANS, AND THAT IT IS NOT INTENDED TO INDICATE INTENTION TO RESTORE SITUATION CREATED BY SEAL-OFF OF EAST BERLIN. WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT THIS BE MADE CLEAR TO OUR ALLIES AS WELL AS TO WEST GERMANS AND WEST BERLINERS, SO THAT FALSE INTERPRETATION AS TO WESTERN COURSE OF CONDUCT NOT BE DEVELOPED BY SIZE OF REINFORCEMENT.

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